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1. It is reported that there are 593 concerns on List C in the State of Saxony. It appears that the Russians consider these factories permanent Russian property. A Russian military governor -- almost always an expert in the respective field -- is in charge of each plant. These plants are now working exclusively for the Russians. Among important names on the list are the following:

AEG in Annaberg, Scheibenberg, Crottendorf & Bautzen
August Wellner Söhne A.G. Metallwarenfabrik, Aue (Silverware)
Waggon- und Maschinenfabrik A.G., Busch, Bautzen
Astra A.G., Chemnitz (Office machines)
Presto-Werke A.G., Chemnitz (Bicycles)
Reinicker A.G., Chemnitz (Machine tools)
Sächsische Textilmaschinen A.G., Hartmann, Chemnitz
Schubert und Salzer A.G., Chemnitz
Venus-Werke A.G., Chemnitz, (Knitted Goods)
Archimedes-Rechenmaschinen, Glashütte
Radio Mende u. Co., Dresden
Seidel und Naumann, Dresden
Zeiss Ikon, Dresden
Hille-Werke, Dresden (Machines)
Mimosa- A.G., Dresden
Sächsisch-Böhmische Dampfschiffahrt, Dresden
Sächsische Werke, Dresden
Goldfischwerk, Oberlungwitz (Textiles)
Schubert und Salzer, Hohenstein-Ernstthal (Metals)
Raupach Maschinenfabrik G.m.b.H., Görlitz
Waggon- und Maschinenbau- A.G., Görlitz
Sächsische Werke, Böhlen
Riquet u. Co., Leipzig-Markkleeberg
ATG Maschinenbau, Leipzig
Eilichert Transportanlagen, Leipzig
Pittler Werkzeugmaschinenfabrik, Leipzig
Rudolf Sack, Leipzig (Agricultural machinery)
Leipziger Wollkammerei, Leipzig
Kammgarnspinnerei Stöhr & Co., Leipzig
Mitteldeutsche Spinnhütte G.m.b.H., Plauen

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Fichtel und Sachs, Reichenbach
 Carl Werner Grossdruckerei, Reichenbach
 Mitteldeutsche Stahlwerke, Riesa
 Christoph und Unmack A.G., Niesky (Upper Lusatia)
 Phänomen-Werke Hille A.G., Zittau
 Auto-Union A.G., Horch und Audi-Werk, Zwickau

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2. Of 1420 industrial enterprises in Thuringia recommended to SMA for expropriation, 1003 were ordered expropriated by SMA. They were then subjected to a final review by the State Commission on Sequestration, by a committee from the Advisory Council and by the Oberbürgermeister and Landräte. About 400 were then assigned to state ownership and another 400 were returned to their owners. Among small enterprises (artisans' shops, stores, inns, etc.), some 1,600 were under sequestration. Half of these will be expropriated and half returned to their owners.
3. The Russians have taken over all rubber factories in Saxony and Thuringia, including Elßdner und Vierschrodt A.G., Buna-Werke in Schkopau, Thüringer Schlauchweberei und Gummwerk A.G. Other enterprises taken over include the following:

Simson Werke (Gustloff-Werke), Suhl (Weapons)
 Siemens & Halske A.G., (Wernerwerk), Arnstadt
 Thiel G.m.b.H., Ruhla (Watch factory)
 Rheinmetall-Borsig A.G. Sommerda (Office machines)
 BMW, Eisenach (Automobile factory)
 Topf & Söhne, Erfurt (Armaments plant)
 Stübgen & Co., Erfurt " "
 J. A. John A.G., Erfurt " "
 Erma Erfurter Maschinenfabrik G.m.b.H., Erfurt (Armaments plant)
 Mitteldeutsche Metallwerke G.m.b.H., Erfurt (Armaments plant) (sic)
 Feima G.m.b.H., Erfurt (Feinmechanische Werke G.m.b.H.)
 Fritz Wolff, Erfurt (Malt factory)
 Riebeck Brauerei A.G., Erfurt (Brewery)

4. The paper wholesalers in the State of Saxony have been put out of business by the Russian "Kontor", Papierversorgung Mitte. This Kontor is located in the Ferdinand Flinsch building in Leipzig; it supplies the SMA publisher, the publisher of the People's Commissariat for Defense, Leipzig C 1, Inselstr. 2, and the Information Office of the City of Leipzig. Leading German officials in the Papierversorgung Mitte are Vogtländer and Scherpe.

The following paper factories in the State of Saxony were transferred to state ownership:

Wiede & Söhne, Trebsen/Mulde
 Kübler & Niethammer, Kriebstein
 Hugo Hoesch, Königstein/Sa.
 Wilh. Vogel, Lunzenau (branch)
 F. G. Weidenmüller, A.G., Antonsthal (branch)
 Richard Knorr, Fährbrücke
 Papierfabriken Grünhainichen G.m.b.H., Grünhainichen i.Sa.
 Schönherr, Flossmühle i.Sa.
 Patentpapierfabrik zu Penig, Penig i.Sa.

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The following paper factories in the State of Saxony were transferred to Russian ownership:

Schröder'sche Papierfabrik Gebr. Schröder, Golzern/Mulde
J. Scheerer, Gritzshain über Burgstädt i. Sa.
Schönfelder Papierfabrik GmbH., Schönfeld/Zschopautal
F. E. Weidenmüller A.G., Dreiwerden über Mittweida i. Sa. (sic)
Papierfabrik Limmritz-Steina A.G., Steina/Saalbach i. Sa.
Reinelt, Grunau

The following paper factories were transferred to the ownership of the Tägliche Rundschau:

Thodesche Papierfabrik A.G., Hainsberg, Bez. Dresden
Wildenfelser Papierfabrik Osthusenrich-Werke, Fährbrücke/Sa.

The following paper factories are still privately owned:

Richard Berger, Wolkenburg
Vereinigte Holzstoff- und Papierfabriken A.G., Niederschlema/Sa.

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5. The following firms in the Province of Saxony have become Soviet A.G.'s on reparations account (See also A-70498).

Dicker & Werneburg G.m.b.H., Halle (Armatures factory)
A.L.G. Dehne, Halle (Foundry)
Weise Söhne, Halle "
Wegelin & Hübner A.G., Halle "
Werther & Co., Halle "
Reuter & Straube A.G., Halle (Building steel)
Transavia (sic) (Made airplane parts during war)
Wintershall A.G., Krumpa-Lützkendorf (Gasoline & Grease)
Flouritwerke G.m.b.H., Rottleberode (Mining)
Wilhelm Wiegand, Merseburg (Machine factory)
Paul Gärtner, Germania-Kinderwagenfabrik, Zeitz (Baby carriages)
Oswald Kunsch, Zeitz (Foundry) (sic, possibly Zeitzer Eisengiesserei und Maschinenbau A.G.)

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6. The Waggonfabrik Dessau was renamed "Deutsch-Russische A.G." and is working as a Russian company under Russian direction. At present it is working on repair of freight cars. Plans call for the production of low flat cars (Tiefbettwagen) and for fifty refrigerator cars. Employees number about 2,000 and the German director is Engineer Lützen.

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7. The Waggonfabrik Wismar has become the "Soviet A.G. for the Manufacture of Transportation Material"; it is scheduled to produce railroad cars and wheels. The quota, up to the end of 1946, calls for 1,200 freight cars of 15 tons each, with European gauge, and 60,000 wheel-rims. The plant is looking for 28 engineers.

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8. It is stated that the A.E.G. plant in Berlin-Henningsdorf has passed into the hands of the Russian "Electrical Trust". A sign to this effect is said to be posted on the bulletin board in the factory. The only production at present is in the locomotive section, which has an order for 1,000 mine locomotives. The Russians have supplied 400 machines for this work. It remains doubtful as to where the motors for these locomotives are to be obtained; the A.E.G. plant in Brunnenstrasse, in the French Sector of Berlin, has reportedly refused to supply the motors.

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